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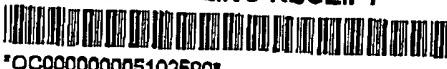
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Nucleic acid molecule encoding a mismatch endonuclease and methods of use thereof

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**NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING A MISMATCH ENDONUCLEASE
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF**

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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §202(c) it is acknowledged that the U.S. Government has certain rights in the invention described herein, which was made in part with funds from the National Institutes of Health, Grant Number, NIH CA71426.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to materials and methods for the detection of mutations in targeted nucleic acids. More specifically, the invention 5 provides nucleic acid molecules encoding a mismatch specific nuclease and methods of use of the enzyme that facilitate the genetic screening of hereditary diseases and cancer. The method is also useful for the detection of genetic polymorphisms.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Several publications are referenced in this application by numerals in parenthesis in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this 15 invention pertains. Full citations for these references are found at the end of the specification. The disclosure of each of these publications is incorporated by reference in the present specification.

The sequence of nucleotides within a gene can 20 be mutationally altered or "mismatched" in any of several ways, the most frequent of which being base-pair substitutions, frame-shift mutations and deletions or insertions. These mutations can be induced by environmental factors, such as radiation and mutagenic chemicals; errors are also occasionally committed by DNA polymerases during replication. Many human disease 25

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